GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
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MISUSE OF ISI MARK
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Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether cases of misuse of Bureau of Indian Standards ISI marks have been reported recently:

(b) if so,the details thereof during the last three year and in the current year:

(c) whether raids and tests were conducted by BIS in this regard during the above period:

(d) if so,the details thereof and the outcome thereof:

(e) the number and details of producers/traders that failed to clear the tests;and

(f) the remedial action taken in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION(DR. AKHILESH PRASAD SINGH)

(a) & (b): Yes,Sir.The details of the misuse of ISI mark in the last three financial year by the persons not having BIS licence and by the persons having BIS licence are as under:

Year	Misuse of ISI mark by persons not having BIS licence	Misuse of ISI mark by the BIS licensees
2005-06	241	1135
2006-07	212	1149
2007-08	125	1378

(c) & (d): Yes, Sir. The details of the raids conducted by the BIS on shops/establishments including premises of the manufacturers in the various parts of the country misusing ISI mark without having a valid licence and samples tested of its licensees for the last three financial years are as under:-

Year	Raids conducted on non licensees	Samples tested of licensees
2005-06	241	21882
2006-07	212	29081
2007-08	125	25794

However,no tests are conducted on the material seized during the raids conducted by the BIS.

(e): There were 219 cases as per details below in which the licensees could not take required corrective action and/or their improved samples failed to clear the tests. Such cases were processed for cancellation as per BIS Act and rules and regulations framed thereunder.

Year	Number of licence cancelled
2005-06	53
2006-07	52
2007-08	114
Total	219

(f): To check misuse of ISI mark by non licensees, BIS initiated a process to strengthen its enforcement activity by appointing outside agencies to help it in providing crucial information about the manufacturers misusing ISI mark without obtaining the licence from BIS. Besides this, regular interaction with industry/trade associations as well as BIS licensees is also organized to develop information network to get the information about the misuse of ISI mark by such manufacturers. In respect of its licensees, BIS through its Scheme of Testing and Inspection and Market Surveillance ensures that they strictly adhere to the specifications laid down in relevant Indian Standards and do not misuse ISI Mark.